6. MR. K. SANKARAN :

In sub-clause (*b*) omit *Explanation* 4.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question is that clause 3 do stand part of the Bill.

The question was put to vote and carried and the clause was added to the Bill.

Clause 4.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question is whether clause 4 do form part of the Bill.

The question was put to vote and carried and the clause was added to the Bill.

PREAMBLE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question is that the Preamble do form part of the Bill.

The question was put to vote and carried and the Preamble was added to the Bill.

TITLE AND CLAUSE 1.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question is that the title and clause 1 do form part of the Bill.

The question was put to vote and carried and the title and clause 1 were added to the Bill.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The motion before the House is that the Bill be passed.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I rise to introduce a Bill to amend the Travancore Village Panchayat Regulation and beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V, CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I shall briefly explain the principle underlying the Bill. There is no provision at present in the Village Panchayat Regulation for the removal of a member of the Village Panchayat though he may deliberately absent himself from the meetings for any length of time. It is proposed on the analogy of the provision in Section 19 (1) (*a*) of the Travancore Municipal Regulation V of 1095 to take power for the removal of any member absenting himself without reasonable cause for more than three consecutive months from the meetings of the Village Panchayat.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the principle of the Bill ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know how many meetings will be held by the Village Panchayat during the three months ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : There may be a large number of meetings.

The motion was carried and the principle of the Bill was accepted by the House.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Bill has to be taken into consideration. I do not propose to refer it to a Select Committee. It will come up in due course.

THE TRAVANCORE MECHANICAL LIGHTERS BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to provide for the imposition and collection of an excise duty on Mechanical Lighters. It has been published in the Gazette and I beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, this Bill is, perhaps, to some extent a formal Bill. The House is well aware that an excise duty has been imposed upon matches manufactured in the country. If a corresponding duty is not imposed upon lighters such lighters may be manufactured on a large scale and the duty expected to be collected on the matches will be lost. It is therefore thought proper to impose such a duty on the lighters.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is any special provision made for travellers using lighters for their personal use ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : No special provision is made. I propose to move it to a Committee so that it may be examined more carefully.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : My question is whether the Law Member does not think that it is a serious omission ? Under Section 13 those who carry lighters are liable to punishment. Under Sections 11, 12 and 13 "whoever evades, or attempts to evade, the payment of any duty payable by him under this Regulation or fails to supply any information which is required under this Regulation or the rules to supply....." That is a penal clause. So I would request the Law Member to see that a provision is made in favour of those who want to use them.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Yes, that may be considered.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question before the House is that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

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